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FOREIGN TELEGRAMS.

London, Sept. 14.

Serious Anti peace rioting took place in Yokohama yesterday. The mob destroyed and burned eleven police kiosks. Troops sent from Tokio are guarding the consulates and warehouses. The Russo-East Asian Steamship Company announces the opening of a regular service between Russia and the Far East.

The feeling between Norway and Sweden is apparently again most strained.

An authoritative announcement at Stockholm accuses Norway of wilful deceiving the foreign press on the subject of the demolition of frontier fortifications; while the Norwegians declare that Sweden is now making the condition harder than was decided by the Rigsdag. King Victor Emmanuel is still touring in the earthquake region and personally comforting the villagers. Fresh shocks took place to-day.

London, Sept. 15.

General Oranovsky, the Armistice Commissioner, has returned to the Russian headquarters. A two months' armistice in Manchuria has been signed and takes effect on the 16th instant.

It establishes a neutral zone of four kilometres wide. The Naval Commissioners will meet at Vladivostok to arrange a zone at sea.

The protocol setting forth the terms under which the armistice is to be negotiated directs the fixing of a neutral zone, prohibits naval bombardments and restricts the movements of troops. Maritime captures, however, are still permissible.—*Pioneer Special*.

The revolutionary party at Tiflis have issued a proclamation in favour of a general rising.

The Duke and Duchess of Connaught and the Princess Patricia go to South Africa at the end of October.

Captain Randall, 28th Light Cavalry, while crossing the Railway lines at Epsom was killed by a train.—*Pioneer Special*.

London, Sept. 15.

It is stated in London that the Swedish-Norwegian negotiations are progressing steadily and that England is playing an important but unostentatious part, though nothing in the nature of arbitration.

Later news says that the Swedish-Norwegian delegates had further conferences to-day and it is understood that a compromise has been reached.

This has caused great satisfaction and relief at both capitals.

There is much speculation aroused by the circumstances of the wreck of the British steamer *John Grafton* on the Finnish coast. She was fully laden with arms and ammunition.

The Customs officers boarded the wreck and were obliged to retreat on the crew threatening to shoot them. Eventually the crew disappeared and their whereabouts remains a mystery.

London, Sept. 16.

The insurgents at Baku threaten to kill all workmen resuming work and to burn the works where any attempt is made to repair damage.

Firing continued on Thursday night in various districts and many skirmishes took place with considerable loss of life.

Part of the Army Corps at Kieff has been ordered to the Caucasus.

It is reported that the Tsar and the Tsarina to-day embark on their yacht at Cronstadt on a three or four days cruise.

A ukase issued at St. Petersburg abolishes the retaliatory duties on American products.

Vesuvius is increasingly active, and frequent undulatory shocks take place around the volcano.

The activity of Stromboli is also very remarkable.

The Heroes in South West Africa continue to offer the Germans skillful and desperate guerilla resistance. Occasionally bands are routed but the progress towards pacification is of the slowest.

London, Sept. 17.

Governor of German East Africa reports risings in two more districts.

London, Sept. 18.

Stockholm travellers report that Norway last week was energetically preparing for war, constructing temporary fortifications on the frontier, cutting down trees and barricading roads.

Nearly all the troops in the central and frontier districts seemed to have been mobilised.

Relief felt at Christiania at the peaceful outlook, but the hope is expressed that peace is not too dearly bought.

Fortifications are being rapidly constructed in the Bosphorus as the result of the scare which was occasioned by the *Petashine* mutiny.

These are causing great displeasure to Russia, who, it is understood, has already protested.

Reuter's correspondent at Tokio wires that anti-peace demonstration continue in various localities but without violence.

The erection of huts and other measures of relief are proceeding actively in the earthquake districts in Italy.

The difficulties are enormous owing to the great distances in a hilly country and the dearth of workmen.

London, Sept. 19.

Lord Minto informs Reuter's agency that he definitely leaves Marseilles with the Countess Minto and daughters on the 20th October on board the *Macedonia*.

The Staff accompanying him will consist of Major Yielding, Lord Francis Scott and Surgeon-Colonel Crooke Lawless.

The Tsar proposes to invite the Powers to a second Hague conference.

President Roosevelt, deferring to the Tsar, agrees that the initiative is better from the originator of the first conference.

Murders, pillaging and incendiarism continue at Baku.

Eleven derricks on the Viceroy's oil field, which have hitherto been efficiently protected, were burned yesterday.

The insurgents are obstructing and attacking trains in the Tiflis district.

Sharp shocks of earthquake took place in Calabria yesterday doing further damage.

Baron Komura is now convalescent.

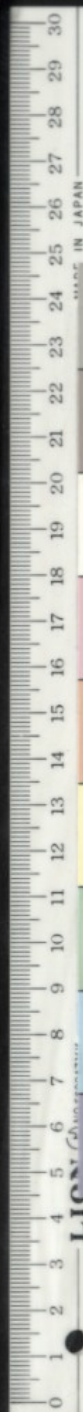
M. De Witte has landed at Cherbourg and proceeds to Paris and Brussels and does not return to St. Petersburg till November.

The Dalai Lama left Urga on the 15th instant, ostensibly for Tibet.

The Morocco negotiations are beginning to excite uneasiness. It is stated that Germany's pretensions are growing, even including the port of Magador.

The crew of the *John Grafton* have landed in two boats on the Swedish coast.

There was only one Englishman in the crew of the *John Grafton*.



EDITORIAL NOTES.

"O Living Will, that shall endure
When all that serves shall suffer shock,
Rise in the spiritual rock,
Flow through our deeds and make them pure."

The following lines clipped from the *Arya Patrika* illustrates how unbelievers build up men of straw in order to knock them down :

"Redemption is one of the cardinal doctrines of Christianity. The Christians believe that Christ laid down his life for them. Whosoever enters into the fold of Christ will be forgiven his sins, because Christ has laid down his life as an atonement for their sins. Now this position is, on the very face of it, absurd. No sane person will be ready to subscribe to this belief. To rob Peter to pay Paul is the proverb which justly indicates the meaning of this doctrine. How the death of a single man can atone for the sins of the whole race is a proposition which the human intellect is incapable of grasping."

No intelligent Christian believes in a "rob Peter to pay Paul" doctrine of atonement : Nor does he believe that "a single man" can atone for the whole race of men. The Christian does not believe that Jesus Christ was a mere man. He believes that Jesus was God-man i. e. God and man, two distinct natures in one Person and that because of this Divine Personality he could and did make atonement for the race, so that whosoever repents from sin and believes on the Incarnate Saviour he shall be saved.

It is not as the *Arya Patrika* puts it "whosoever enters the fold of Christ will be forgiven his sins," but, *whosoever turns from sin to God through faith in Christ* shall be pardoned and reconciled to God. "God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself." There is nothing absurd in this doctrine taught to the world by Christ himself. The absurdity lies in the misapprehension of those who deny the claims of Jesus Christ.

It is easy for men in their pride to stigmatise the ways of God as "absurd." It would be more profitable if they would demonstrate the truth of their own teachings, some of which seem to be very absurd indeed. What more absurd than to proclaim a religion without any way of salvation? What is more absurd than to insist upon our accepting the doctrine of Transmigration, which is after all nothing more than a theory incapable of proof and unattested by any Divine Authority? Like the old theory of the Sun travelling around the Earth, the doctrine of Transmigration theory seems to account for some of the phenomena of life,

but it is only a *seeming*. It is not wise for men to throw stones who live in glass houses. But then some men do not see the glass which encloses them in their narrow cell.

We have abstained from saying anything in regard to the resignation of the Viceroy. We cannot however refrain from expressing our sincere regret that he has resigned his office and so brought to a sudden end a career so brilliant and so fraught with blessing to India. We believe that time will vindicate his cause.

The whole world rejoices because peace has been proclaimed between Japan and Russia. The Indian Press is apparently persuaded that Japan has for some unaccountable reason given away most of the spoils of War. Time will soon reveal the facts in the case. To us it seems clear that Japan had acquired about all that she could hope for as the result of this war with Russia. She had defeated her foe in every battle. She had practically expelled her from Manchuria. She had utterly destroyed her navy, capturing many of her warships and the navy yards at Dalney. She had captured Port Arthur and acquired control over Korea. She retains the Manchurian railway, half the Island of Sakhalin, Port Arthur, and Dalney, control of Korea and the cost of keeping the Russian prisoners of war. Last of all, she has secured her place as the controlling power in the Far East. She has one of the best navies in the world and probably the best equipped army in the world. She has also entered into a treaty with Great Britain which will guarantee her the possession of her present position. It seems clear therefore that Japan has in all these acquisitions an abundant indemnity for her losses and for her to conclude a peace now has saved her from further loss of life and treasure which could hardly bring her anything in return. Does it not seem that the triumph of diplomacy is rather with the Japanese after all?

Before the issue of this number of the *Nur Afshan* the Mussoorie Conference will be in full swing. Everything promises a very successful series of meetings. We hope to give some account of them in our next issue.

The work of revival in the Khassi Hills still goes on. We give another letter describing the revival in a new village and the neighbouring places. The interest of this story lies in the fact that the wave of revival is approaching the plains.

Minister—"Is your father at home, William?"

William—"Yes ; but he's got the rheumatism so bad he ain't safe to talk to."

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THE REVIVAL DRAWING NEARER THE PLAINS.

Those who have visited Cherrapoonjee know what a stiff climb it is from Periah Ghat up, especially for the first four miles. Just at the fourth milestone there is a village which at one time had a good Dak Bungalow and a good Dispensary, and the officials of the Cherra-Companyganj State Railway used to live there, but since the earthquake the village has lost a great deal of its importance, but many of the inhabitants of the surrounding villages moved there to live when their houses were destroyed by the earthquake, so that it is now a good sized village. The Khassies call the village Laityra, the Hindus know the place as Mahadeo—the great goddess. The goddess is an immense stone hundreds of tons in weight, and a Hindu temple built opposite to it, and an image of Shiva (if one can call it an image) close by. Many Hindus consider it a sacred place and go there to worship.

In this village overlooking the plains on a clear day one could imagine that he could throw a stone right to the foot of the hill, it seems so near, *in this village*, where Hindus from all parts of India come to *worship a stone*, IN THIS VILLAGE, God has graciously manifested His presence the last few days in a wonderful manner. We heard rumours in the Plains of the Spirit's work there and immediately wrote for full information and this is the account that we have had from persons who are in direct communication with the people of the place.

The Revival came suddenly in the Church Meeting on Wednesday, August 15th. The Meeting was commenced as usual, the children repeated the texts of the previous Sunday sermons and then repeated the catechism according to the custom in many churches on the Hills. Then the older members began to give their experience in connection with the Revival on the Hills. In the midst of that, one of the women was moved by the Spirit to give out a hymn but it was not taken up. After a little while she began to sing and a few who were already touched by the Spirit joined her, but this again was disallowed by the Meeting. A little later, a little girl began to speak. She wished to say what she had seen while in a trance in that very meeting. At first there was some unwillingness to listen to her, but a boy there pleaded for her and she spoke on, and while she was still speaking, suddenly the people began to wail and to weep loudly. Those who were already moved by the Spirit sprang up and began to praise the Lord and to dance for joy. Just then many Christians who had not attended the meeting and many of the non-Christians also came rushing in to the chapel, in great fear. They thought the Christians had been struck by lightning, or by something similar. When they came near they saw the Christians in

the chapel looking beautifully white and glistening, and over the building a bright light shining. Some said they saw it as fire and some as lightning over and around all. After singing for some time some of the friends prayed with deep feeling amid renewed weeping and heartfelt responses. The prayers were heard distinctly in the houses in the village. The service continued until nearly down the next day.

This is a literal translation of the words spoken by the little girl: 'I stand at the foot of the Cross of Jesus Christ. He tells me, 'You are a naughty child, but I will not leave you, weep not for me.' He says 'but weep for your sins, and your sins are forgiven you. Go and tell that I have been crucified for the sin of the world.'"

Those are the words that touched the people, they were convicted of their sins and wailed and wept. Others saw a bright light which shewed them their sins until they were pricked to the heart, so that they could not refrain from shouting. There were others who believed that they had been forgiven. These were rejoicing with great joy, their hearts being on fire with gratitude and love. One or two even at such a time appeared as if not much touched. The coming of the Holy Spirit in this way has caused a fear to fall upon the non-Christians, and it has convinced some of them of the truth of the religion of Jesus Christ.

The services held the following days were warm and enthusiastic. The singing was very joyful, and the friends were eager to engage in prayer; the prayers too were full of unction. They had a very profitable Sunday, and another gift of the Spirit was very noticeable on that day viz, the spirit of love among the Christians.

On Monday evening the 20th of August a bright light like fire was again seen by many within the chapel and the power of the Holy Spirit came even more abundantly than on Wednesday. The Christians who were not much touched before, were deeply convicted now, weeping bitterly and kneeling on the floor praying earnestly for forgiveness. Others were weeping and praying for their unbelieving relatives and friends, and some who were never accustomed to take part in public prayer stood up to pray. One boy stood up and said that in that meeting he had seen the Lord Jesus—He had given him a kind of vision, He led him to Heaven and he saw there some of the departed friends. This boy too was told to weep for his sins.

Another person from that village writes that he is very thankful and full of joy for the wonderful grace of God shewn to them. He says that ALL the Christians are now thoroughly convinced of the TRUTH of the Revival, a few were before inclined to be somewhat sceptical, but there is no room now for unbelief. Another thing that gives him much joy is this, that the non-Christians are quite silenced for



they were making fun before, but now they are full of fear. They say that they were trembling from fear when they saw the light in the chapel and the Christians looking so dazlingly white. One boy in the chapel saw some very bright light in a part of the chapel. It was shining vividly, and he was so frightened that he ran out as fast as he could.

The father of the little girl before mentioned, had left our Church but God worked in him last week and he came back with true sorrow for the past and beseeching God for forgiveness. He was received back with gladness into his old Home.

A Christian worker from the place writes that whenever they go to work for Jesus Christ the power seems to come afresh upon them.

When will God pour His Spirit, in a similar way on all India? The blessing like a fiery cloud seems to be now hanging over us ready to pour its gracious showers upon us in the Plains. Shall we not agonize in prayer day and night for this blessing?

FACTS ABOUT JAPAN.

The empire includes 3,000 islands, stretching nearly 2,900 miles.

Area, 161,153,153 square miles—as large as the North Atlantic States.

Coal the chief wealth—90,000,000 tons mined in 1901.

Textile production increased from \$9,000,000 worth in 1866 to \$86,000,000 worth in 1901.

The population in 1900, 44,805,937.

Day laborers receive 20 cents a day, women servants 84 cents a month, men servants \$1.36 a month, women farm laborers \$8.50, men farm laborers \$15.96.

Four hundred and eighty daily papers.—The World's Work.

* Tomatoes act directly on the liver.

Onions, garlic, leeks, shallots, chives, etc., stimulate the circulation, increase the saliva and gastric juices, and promote digestion.

Peas, beans and lentils, called also legumes, are among the most nutritious vegetables, containing as much carbon as wheat, and more muscle-forming food.

Lettuce and celery both have a good effect upon the nerves; the former is soothing; the latter, a tonic.

Music is the vapor of art. It is to poetry what reverie is to thought, what fluid is to liquid, what the ocean of clouds is to the ocean of waves.

—Victor Hugo.

The way that is dark has many perils; but he who carries the "lamp at his feet" has many safeguards.

ABYSSINIA OPENED.

The fast-closed and long-closed gates of Abyssinia seem about to open to the Word of God. The Swedish missionaries, who have made many unsuccessful attempts to reach the interior from the north through the valley of the Blue Nile, and from the east by way of Zeila, on the Red Sea, have at last penetrated to the capital of the Gallas, the successful entrant being a converted Galla whom they had educated at Stockholm. Before going to a field of labor among his own kinsmen, this Galla missionary presented himself to Addis Abeba, the Abyssinian capital, and his mission was explained to the Emperor Menelik by the Coptic archbishop. The emperor took an unexpectedly favorable view of the matter and bade the missionary God-speed upon his errand of enlightenment. Carrying with him the Bible, printed in the tongue of the Gallas, Onésimus, the convert, has reached his distant goal, and he reports his reception as cordial in the extreme. The Swedish mission is now preparing a whole series of simple evangelical works in the language of this long-sought people, and hopes to establish a permanent center of Christian activity in the heart of a region hitherto inaccessible.—The Interior.

A BIG ELECTRIC LOCOMOTIVE.

The delegates of the International Railway Congress recently witnessed at East Pittsburg the trial of a 125-ton single-phase electric locomotive, manufactured by the Westinghouse Company. This is the heaviest and most powerful electric locomotive in the world. The trial demonstrated that the locomotive was capable of exercising a drawbar pull of 90,000 pounds, sufficient to start a train weighing 4,000 tons, and that it was able to haul a train weighing 2,000 tons at a speed of 25 miles per hour. The remarkable nature of these figures may be judged when it is stated that the heaviest locomotives in this country do not weigh more than 92 tons, and that it is very rare to find a passenger train exceeding 400 tons, or a goods train 700 tons in weight.

RULES FOR A HOME.

The dining room should always be sacred. That is the one room where no scraps should be allowed.

Keep your children, your dogs and your troubles away from your guests.

Remember that love begins with charity.

Put over the front door, for every member of the family to read, "He who enters here leaves satire behind."

Have the same standard of morals for yourself as for your children. You need it as much as they do.

Remember that open windows make health epidemic.

Also that your wife knows less about your business and is better able to advise you than anyone else.

If you must worry take a big thing. The little things will knock you out.

There are three standpoints to every home—your own, your wife's and the cook's. Try and forget your own.

Buy everything on the installment plan by paying for it all in one installment—the first.

—Tom Maasson, in Judge.

It is one thing to meet death intrepidly, and it is altogether another to meet it peacefully and trustfully.—Robertson.

FAITHFULNESS.

A poor, lame half-witted creature was obliged to stand in a close, hot room, twelve hours a day, stitching harness. He had heard from some preacher that every-day work could be ennobled, but he had only a dim idea of the man's meaning. One day he looked out of his window and saw a horse dashing madly by with a carriage containing a woman and a child. A man leaped from the curb, caught the horse by the bridle, and was dragged along by the infuriated animal. But the bridle held, the horse was stopped, the mother and child were saved.

The thought passed through the mind of the poor leather stitcher: "Suppose the sewing of that bridle had been poorly done, with bad thread, then the bridle might have broken, and the man, as well as those in the carriage, would have been injured. How do I know but that sewing was some of my work?"

Animated by that grand thought, he stitched away like a hero, determined to do his humble work well for the sake of others. From that time on he ennobled his calling, as everyone may do who has the spirit of the Master, whose life has made ours worth living.

TOWED BY A WHALE.

Whales, as is well known, are now hunted in steamers. One of the most interesting appliances is the gun by which the whale is harpooned and killed. The gun is mounted in the stern of the vessel, and can be turned in all directions. It fires a pointed shell, in which is an explosive substance. The inventor, Sven Foyn, has by gradual improvement brought it to perfection. An incident is related by the "Youth's Companion" of one of Foyn's first-year experiences with his gun:

"One day a whale was shot, but the shell did not explode. The consequences were that the whale, with the harpoon in its body, made off with the steamer in tow. The engines were ordered full speed astern, but with no more success than if the creature had been an ironclad at full speed. The wounded animal made for the open ocean, dead against the wind. The wind increased to a storm, with high sea, but still the gaint of the ocean kept up his speed, while sea after sea swept the steamer. The situation became serious, but Foyn was bent upon testing his apparatus thoroughly, perhaps in the hope of the shell exploding. But no; on went the mad drive over the polar ocean for ten hours. At last the cable snapped—to the great relief of all on board."

TRAVEL AND READING

Nothing can take the place of actually seeing famous objects in nature or art. Imagination cannot equal reality. But it is possible to read fully and reflectively books of history, travel and description, also to consult maps and use photographic representations so that one's experience becomes almost as real and delightful as looking upon the very objects; indeed one may obtain a more satisfactory experience through diligent study and intense imagination than some tourists gain who rush through scenes, spending three days in Rome or five minutes in looking into the Yellowstone Canyon. The tourist finds that his experiences fade away until they become as dreams, and must be reproduced in imagination. The reader may cultivate imagination and gain so distinct a picture in his mind's eye as to obtain more

lasting reality than the average tourist who has been conducted like a child and has given the passing attention of a child to scenes presented to his retina. He who reads will want sometime to see and will find the ways and means of seeing, but he can have almost as much profit and pleasure in his study chair.—The Watchman.

A NEW LIFE-SAVING RAFT.

Mr. Robert Chambers, Dumbarton, the original inventor of semi-collapsible lifeboats, recently exhibited in the Royal Exchange, Glasgow, a model of a new life-saving raft, which has been accepted by the Board of trade as fulfilling all the requirements of a collapsible boat. The raft may be carried on the decks of passenger steamers for use in case of collision, shipwreck, or any other emergencies where the lives of those on board are in danger. It is made in three sizes—20 feet, 26 feet, and 28 feet in length, and is subdivided into forty water-tight compartments, so that even if cut in halves the only result would be two rafts instead of one. The smaller size can support half a hundred men, or as many as can stand on it and cling round it. The raft is self-adjusting, and is almost equally serviceable with either side up, the only difference being that there are collapsible rails on the "top," while the bottom is smooth, so as to allow the raft to slide easily over a ship's side. It is provided with oars, life-lines, hawser and sea anchor, and all the appliances required for life-saving purposes, and weighs only about half a ton.

WHY DON'T YOU DO IT?

Why don't you answer your friend's letter at once? It will have a double value if written promptly, and will take no more time than by and by.

Why don't you make the promised visit to that invalid? She is looking for you day after day, and "hope deferred maketh the heart sick."

Why don't you send away that little gift you have been planning to send? Mere kind intentions never accomplish any good.

Why don't you speak out the encouraging words that you have in your thoughts? Unless you express them they are of no use to others.

Why don't you take more pains to be self-sacrificing and loving in the every-day home life? Time is rapidly passing. Your dear ones will not be with you always.

Why don't you create around you an atmosphere of happiness and helpfulness, so that all who come in touch with you may be made better? Is not this possible?

Though you and I are very little beings, we must not rest satisfied till we have made our influence extend to the remotest corner of this ruined world.—S. T. Mills.

A child of ordinary capacity and destitute of property, but converted to God in childhood, is frequently worth more to the Church than ten wealthy men converted at the noon of life.—Dr. John Todd.

WHEN THE KING CAME.

BY MARY STARCK.

Stars of December, do you remember
 How one winter night, long ago,
 Safely the sheep in the fold were asleep,
 While the shepherds walked to and fro?
 Perhaps they were speaking of one they were seek-
 ing,
 Who was promised in days of old—
 A shepherd King who should come, and bring
 All Israel into his fold.
 Then radiant in glory, so reads the story,
 A herald came to say
 That the King was born that very morn,
 And near in a manger lay.
 And the choir celestial to men terrestrial
 A wonderful chorus sang;
 Through the glowing sky, to God most high,
 Their echoing praises rang.
 The shepherds rejoicing, their gladness voicing,
 Went quickly to Bethlehem,
 To the infant King who had come to bring
 Good-will and peace to them.
 As they bowed before him, to adore him
 In that small, humble place,
 So with lowly hearts, ere this day departs,
 Let him praise him for his grace.

St. Louis, Mo.

There are three kinds of people in the world—the wills, the
 wont's, and the cant's. The first accomplish everything; the
 second oppose everything; the third fail in everything. To
 which class do you belong?

The distinction between Christianity and all other systems
 of religion consists largely in this, that in these other, men are
 found seeking after God, while Christianity is God seeking after
 man.

—Thomas Arnold.

Whenever you can feel assured that you have been the means
 of creating within one human heart an inspiration, noble resolu-
 tion or a generous impulse, know that you are a worker together
 with God."

Do not despise any opportunity because it seems small. The
 way to make an opportunity great is to take hold of it and use
 it.—Bacon.

Fifty years hence practically every position in the world
 that is now being filled by an adult will have a new occupant.

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